

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
JULY 11, 2006

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions changes or deletions. Mr. Ray made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Treasurer Denise Burnett about the tax collection. Mrs. Burnett stated that the tax bills were mailed on June 30<sup>th</sup> but the installment dates of September and November were the same as last year. Mrs. Burnett stated that some people were already paying their taxes. Chairman Wooten asked if this would allow an early disbursement to the taxing districts and Mrs. Burnett replied that it would.

Chairman Wooten asked the Sheriff if he had a report and the Sheriff stated that he had submitted his report in writing to the Board. Sheriff Maier stated that the roof supplies were in and the work should begin next week weather permitting.

Chairman Wooten asked Lance Trousdale the Director of the Ambulance Service if he had a report. Mr. Trousdale stated that an outside billing agency had been hired and they have already billed a 160 claims to Medicare and Medicaid. The amount submitted to those agencies for payment is around \$56,000.00 and White County should collect around \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 and those figures are conservative. Mr. Trousdale also stated that he had started a dedicated transfer service through the week in which the basic EMT's will take patients from the nursing homes to the doctors and hospitals in the area. Mr. Trousdale stated that this week was completely booked.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten introduced Chief Judge George Timberlake. Judge Timberlake explained to the Board the funding of the Probation System and the use of Probation User's fees to help with that funding.

Chairman Wooten introduced Donald Duvall, Commissioner of the Hawthorne Drainage District to discuss a bridge South of Crossville. Mr. Duvall explained that since the removal of the railroads along Route 1 and the resurfacing and repairing of Route 1 which included the installation of larger culverts has created such water energy that it has created a large whirlpool around a County Bridge located 1650E and 1590N. Around \$56,000.00 dollars of work has been done by the Drainage District and the Village of Crossville trying to repair damage to the Drainage ditch and to the Village's gas line. Mr. Duvall stated that currently Crossville's water line is exposed to the weather and to vandalism. Ameren CIPS is in danger of losing an electrical pole which goes to the City of Carmi's water wells and to the Village of Maunie. Mr. Duvall stated to make a long story short White County needs to be the lead agency to contact the Army Corps of Engineers to see if this is a project that would be qualified under the Section 14 Emergency Streambank Stabilization Program. Mr. Trout made a motion to be the lead agency to contact the Corps, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the employees of the Supervisor of Assessments Office has shown an interest in becoming members of the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' 1197 and the Board can voluntarily recognize their efforts or go to the expense of holding an election. Chairman Wooten explained that both employees have signed a card of interest and he stated that he thinks the Board should recognize their efforts. Mr. Trout made a motion to voluntarily recognize the employees of the Supervisor of Assessments Office as part of Local 1197, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider amending the FY 2006 budget to cover the expense of putting a new roof on the jail and also to provide fuel for the animal control officer. Chairman Wooten explained that the animal control officer has been using fuel out of the Sheriff's budget and it is necessary to reimburse the Sheriff's budget and provide fuel to the Animal Control Officer for the remainder of the year. Mr. Ray made a motion to amend the budget in the following manner:

Transfer \$13,000.00 from Sheriff Vehicle to City/County Jail Capital Outlay Buildings  
Transfer \$6,000.00 from City/County Jail Maintenance to Buildings to City/County Jail Capital Outlay Buildings.  
Transfer \$3,000.00 from City/County Jail Maintenance Grounds to City/County Jail Capital Outlay Buildings.  
Transfer \$7,000.00 from Landfill Other Professional Services to City/County Jail Capital Outlay Buildings.  
Transfer \$1,800.00 from Landfill Other Professional Services to Sheriff Gasoline and Oil  
Transfer \$1,800.00 from Landfill Other Professional Services to Animal Control Gasoline and Oil.

Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten explained that the negotiations between the County Clerk's Office, Circuit Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's Office and Southern and Central Illinois Laborer's Local 1197 has resulted in a new contract. Chairman Wooten explained the contract was for two years ending November 30, 2007. Chairman Wooten stated that this contract gave the employees 3 per cent pay increase and longevity steps at ten cents for the 10<sup>th</sup> year, 15<sup>th</sup> year and 20<sup>th</sup> year. The contract also clarifies language on sick leave and adds three more vacation days and one personal day. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the contract and authorize Chairman Wooten to sign the document when by the Labor Attorney. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on August 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.